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Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Attn: Patent Application Branch

RE: Filing of Patent Application  
"EXPRESS MAIL" LABEL NUMBER: EL175650170US  
Our File: B208-1089

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a patent application of Masaki Okada for an ELECTRONIC STILL CAMERA, the application comprising a Specification of 25 pages; 36 numbered Claims, including 6 Independent numbered Claims; 3 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-3); an Abstract and our check in the amount of \$1,212.00 in payment of the filing fee, which has been calculated as follows: \$690.00 base filing fee; \$234.00 for three Independent claims in excess of three and \$288.00 for sixteen claims in excess of twenty.

A "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" will be filed at a later date.

Claim will be made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 11-098723 (filed April 6, 1999), a certified copy of which will be filed in due course.

Authorization is given for the charging of any further fee for effecting filing to our Deposit Account 18-1644.

Respectfully submitted,

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